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asks Iraqi envoy to leave Tehran

TEHRAN, March 8 (R) — Iran has asked Iraq to withdraw its ambassador from Tehran and has recalled its envoy from Baghdad, the foreign ministry said today. The statement said the relations between the two neighbours would be "charge d'affaires level." The decision came after Iran asked Iraq to cut its diplomatic staff here. Today's statement to repeated interference by the Iraqi government in the affairs of Iran. It said the Iranian ambassador to Baghdad, Mouda'avi, was due to return to Tehran within the next 48 hours. The Iraqi ambassador here, Mr. Ahmad Hossein Al was being asked to leave Iran, the statement said. Relations between the two neighbours have deteriorated since last year's revolution, with Iran accusing the Iraqis of supporting counter-revolutionaries and saboteurs in Kurdistan and Khuzestan province.

Tito's condition remains grave

BELGRADE, March 8 (R) — President Tito's condition remains grave and he is still being kept alive with the help of an artificial kidney machine, his doctors said today. It was the first time in four days that the condition of the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader was described as grave. Three previous medical bulletins this week said he was unchanged. Today's bulletin mentioned his kidney trouble for the first time since doctors reported two weeks ago that a dialysis support machine, used to purify the bloodstream, was keeping him alive. There was no indication in the bulletin, however, that his kidneys had worsened. "Because the functioning of the kidneys had not been restored, the use of an artificial kidney is continuing," it said. Medical sources said the bulletin did not appear unduly alarming, as there had been virtually no hope that his kidney failure could be overcome, except by artificial means.

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Israel's cabinet split
Hebron settlement

JERUSALEM, — Israeli government today tried to postpone decision on plans to set up homes in the occupied town of Hebron. It was due to debate the issue tomorrow. Sources said the cabinet, led by Prime Minister Yigael Yonin, is mounting a last-minute campaign to persuade Menachem Begin to delay the decision.

Begin believes that a Jewish settlement in Hebron would cause condemnation. He never before allowed Jews to live in the heart of Arab towns. But Prime Minister Yonin is under heavy pressure to sanction Jewish settlement in Hebron.

Begin is also under pressure from radical religious groups as Gush Emunim, that Israel has a divine right to the occupied West Bank.

Begin's supporters such as Minister Ariel Sharon, using minister David Elazar, with the cabinet over the Hebron settlement. At a cabinet meeting on Wednesday, Minister Elazar was quoted as saying he was making the whole decision. Mr. Weizman said, "We are tired of us with our hands tied."

according to Israeli press reports. Deputy Prime Minister Yonin was quoted by aides as saying that Israel risked further international isolation if it set up Jewish homes in Hebron.

Mr. Begin shares the religious sentiments of Gush Emunim and his government has, in the last two and a half years, set up some 30 settlements in the West Bank, many close to large Arab population centres.

Successive Israeli governments have established 84 settlements since 1967.

Six big housing developments have been built in occupied Jerusalem since 1967. They accommodate about 14,000 Jews and almost surround the Arab areas.

In addition, 30 settlements have been built on the Golan Heights, 41 on the West Bank of Jordan, eight in the Gaza Strip and 16 in Sinai.

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His Majesty King Hussein and French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing wave to crowds lining the streets of Amman Saturday to welcome the French leader on the first day of his official visit to Jordan.

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It reaffirmed his earlier statements that the fate of the Americans would be decided by Iran's yet-to-be-elected parliament due to assemble in late April.

The Revolutionary Council tonight held an unscheduled meeting to receive a report from the foreign minister.

He left the meeting to tell reporters he was prepared to step down as the council's representative but the students would have to obey any replacement.

The students said they would await a visit from government representatives other than Mr. Oqotbadeh.

A student spokesman told Reuters the issue of the hostages' transfer was now up to the nation to decide.

"If the Revolutionary Council introduces a representative or representatives the transfer of the hostages will be possible but the reaction of the people here will show whether they agree or not," the spokesman said.

Pro-student crowds built up at the embassy throughout the day and had reached almost 10,000 by the time at which Foreign Minister Oqotbadeh was due to take the hostages into government custody.

Revolutionary court judge Ayatollah Sadeq Khalkhali, a close aide of Ayatollah Khomeini, went to the embassy this afternoon to talk to the students.

In a short address broadcast over loudspeakers on the compound walls, he said: "We will not give in to internal compromises... Surrender to the Iranian nation is contemptible and shameful."

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The King was addressing the visiting French president during a dinner banquet given in his and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing's honour at Bassam Palace.

In reply President Giscard d'Estaing said: "France intends to do everything in her power in liaison with her European partners to further the search for a peace settlement."

"We appeal to you, and to all peace-loving leaders to make a reevaluation of this explosive situation in the region and to work within the European Community group and at the international level to bring about a just peace to the Middle East", the King said.

King Hussein said that since 1967 France has played an "honourable and just role" and through "my discussions with you of this problem, I have felt deep French understanding" of the situation.

He reiterated that "the Palestine problem is the crux of the Middle East dispute and the bases for a just solution of the problem starts with the recognition of the national rights of the Palestinian people and giving it the right to self determination on its homeland."

King Hussein emphasised that "peace in this part of the world is an integral part of world peace, that the stability and security of this region are prerequisites for the security and stability of Europe and that there will be no just and durable peace in the region without Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories, including Arab Jerusalem."

Jordan has refused to be party to the Camp David agreements "because they do not recognise the Palestinian people's legitimate rights and because they ignore the role of the other Arab and international parties, foremost of which is the Palestinian people, on whose participation a just and comprehensive peace depends", King Hussein said.

These agreements, he said, do not deal with the problem on a comprehensive basis. "We have realised from the beginning that the unilateral Egyptian initiative will lead to a dead end, and therefore we directed all our efforts towards building up the Arab indigenous strength and concerted all our efforts with the Arab states towards this end at the Tunis and Baghdad summit conferences, with the hope of achieving a just and comprehensive peace," the King said.

He said Israel has been persisting with its policy of "evicting the Palestinian people from their homeland, creating new settlements and changing the spiritual, historic and demographic character of Jerusalem in defiance of the international community's will and world conscience."

"This Israeli policy prompts us to seek a just and comprehensive solution to the problem under the U.N. umbrella and with the participation of all parties concerned," he added.

Referring to the Euro-Arab dialogue, the King said that "strong economic, political, and cultural ties" have always characterised the relationship between Europe and the Arab World, and this historic fact "makes it incumbent upon us to resume this dialogue with great determination to reach fruitful results."

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing said in his dinner speech that Jordan's history "is so intimately tied to the conflict which has lasted for thirty years. The will of France is to contribute to the establishment of a just and durable peace in the Near East," he said.

"...We also know what close ties bind (your country) to the Palestinian people whom you received on your soil, this people whose aspiration for a homeland neither the exodus, nor the uprooting, nor the years have weakened," President Giscard d'Estaing said.

"The right of each state in the region to live in peace within its secure boundaries must be recognised and guaranteed. This right to security is a universal right, as I indicated at the United Nations — in so far as that is concerned — France is aware of the legitimate preoccupations of the state of Israel. But Israel must recognise that its occupation, since 1967, of Arab territories cannot permit it to establish the peaceful relations with its neighbours to which it aspires," he added.

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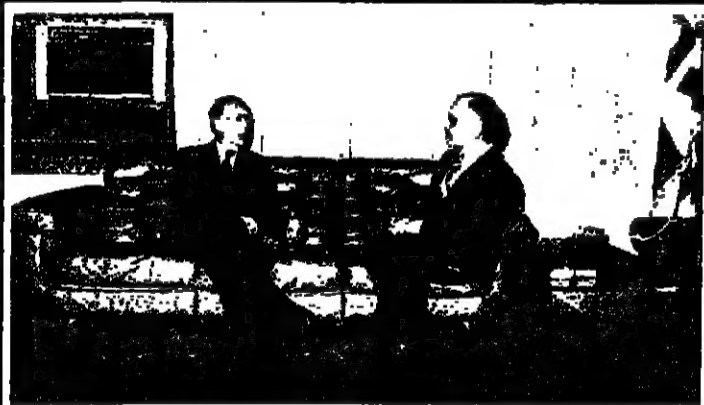
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AT THE beginning of his current official visit to Jordan, French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing remarked on the similarity of views between Jordan and France "on all international and regional questions, especially the Palestinian problem which forms the crux of the Arab-Israeli struggle."

Jordan is profoundly aware of the significance of the shared viewpoints which it has in common with the French Republic.

As His Majesty King Hussein pointed out in his banquet address to the French president last night, Jordan considers that France has, since the Israeli aggression of 1967, taken a positive and honourable stance with regard to the Arab-Zionist confrontation.

After referring to Jordan's adherence to the common Arab stand adopted at the Baghdad and Tunis Arab summit conferences, His Majesty urged the French president to take the initiative personally, using France's good offices within the European Economic Community and on the international level, to promote a re-evaluation by the Western Powers of the entire Middle East conflict at its present explosive stage, with a view to helping the peace-loving countries of this region -- the victims of aggression -- to find ways of averting further travail and bloodshed.

Whereas the initiative engendered by the Egyptian president and nurtured by the Americans has only brought the Middle East to a dangerous juncture marked by stalemate, trickery and increased tension, the King has expressed Jordan's confidence that a new way can be found, particularly one employing existing mechanisms of international peacekeeping, to promote a just and durable peace settlement.

President Giscard d'Estaing's efforts to date in creating the climate for such an initiative have been noteworthy. He has unequivocally stated, in concert with King Hussein and with the other Arab leaders he met during his Middle East tour, France's support for the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination.

As King Hussein pointed out last night, it is the failure of the current American-sponsored initiative to address those rights that has caused Jordan to resist efforts to entice it into the Camp David negotiations.

It is not France alone that stands to gain from any further initiative which President Giscard d'Estaing chooses to take, but all the peoples of the Middle East.

He takes back to France, and to his European colleagues, souvenirs not only of the friendship of the Arab people but of their passionate desire for peace. He shares with the Arab leaders an appreciation of where that peace must begin -- with an unconditional Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the granting of Palestinian rights -- as well as of where it can ultimately lead -- to the enhanced peace, stability and security of Europe and the entire world.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: Before analysing President Giscard d'Estaing's statement to the Jordan News Agency and discussing the hopes raised by his talks with His Majesty King Hussein, we renew our welcome to the prominent European leader and express our appreciation of the understanding he displays of the Arab cause.

President Giscard d'Estaing took a brave stand when he called for the recognition of the Palestinians' right to self-determination and total Israel withdrawal from all the occupied Arab territories. The specifications he put forward for a comprehensive settlement are balanced ones and, according to our understanding, mean the following:

-- That the Camp David process is not qualified to go ahead with deciding the Palestinians' future against their will, and it has not the right to do so.

-- That the talks the French president is calling for are the alternative to that process and that the Camp David parties should accept this alternative, without hindering the refrain from negotiations, and even join them.

The question which arises here is: what can the European countries do to the Camp David group opposes the proposed negotiations?

AL DUSTOUR: The principles announced by France and adopted by the European countries to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict will surely be exposed in efforts at disruption, deception and pressure from Zionist elements in Europe and America, and they may even receive explicit denunciation from Washington. But peace in this region should be more dear to France and its partners in the European group than Israel and its allies in the U.S.

Arab-European relations are too precious to be sacrificed in a capitulation to Israeli intransigence or to flatter Washington, which has become a captive in the hands of Israel.

The French president realises the importance of the political and moral position King Hussein and Jordan hold at the Arab level. He also realises that Jordan wants a comprehensive peace, which derives its viability from fairness to all parties. President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing knows very well that Jordan, like France, holds on to its principles and neither neglects them nor bargains with them. Therefore, his negotiations with King Hussein, which basically emanate from the two leaders' mutual characteristics, enhanced by the spirit of friendship, frankness and mutual confidence, should establish a solid basis for further cooperation between the two countries, in all fields -- and for breaking the deadlock in the Middle East resulting from Camp David. We can then move on towards the desired peace.

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Hussein sends Assad cable

AMMAN, March 8 (JNA) -- His Majesty King Hussein today sent a cable to good wishes to President Hafez Al Assad of Syria on the anniversary of the March 8 corrective movement in that country.



Her Majesty Queen Noor receives Mme. Giscard Saturday..

Queen Noor receives Mme. Giscard d'Estaing

AMMAN, March 8 (JNA) -- Her Majesty Queen Noor received at Al Ma'wa Palace this afternoon Madame Giscard d'Estaing, the wife of French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, and Mme. Francois Poncet, the wife of the French minister of foreign affairs.

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing saw a film on the most outstanding features of progress in Jordan, especially those in the industrial, economic, touristic and cultural

spheres.

After the film, a meeting took place in which Minister of Social Development In'am Mufti and a number of officials concerned with the environment, education, the conservation of nature, child care, folklore and Jordanian traditional handicrafts took part.

The meeting was also attended by the wife of the French ambassador in Amman and the wife of the Jordanian ambassador in Paris.



His Majesty King Hussein

Hussein calls for Palestinian rights in French TV interview

AMMAN, March 8 (JNA) -- U.N. Security Council resolution 242 deals with the outcome of the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, and does not lead to a solution of the problem of the Palestinian people and their legitimate rights, His Majesty King Hussein said in an interview with French television transmitted yesterday.

King Hussein said the Palestine problem ought to be re-examined, with a view to granting the Palestinians their right to self-determination. Any solution to

the Palestine problem should explicitly mention the withdrawal of Israeli forces from all territories occupied since 1967 and the return of Arab Jerusalem to Arab sovereignty, the King said.

In answer to a question about French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's tour in the Gulf region he said the visit will not only help to strengthen ties between France and the Arab nation, but also between European nations in general and the Arab World.

Last Arabs leave Jerusalem's Jewish quarter

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM -- At a time when many Israeli politicians are pressing for the right of Jews to move back into the occupied Arab town of Hebron the last Arab family living in the heart of the expensively renovated Jewish quarter of East Jerusalem has been forced to accept compensation and leave.

According to Israeli sources, some 800 Arab families lived in the picturesque quarter of the Old City before it was "annexed" by

Israel during the 1967 war. Their properties have been gradually taken over by Jews, who have turned the area into one of the smartest neighbourhoods in Jerusalem.

As long ago as 1974, Mr. Ayub Khamis Tutunji appealed to the Israeli High Court against attempts by the Jewish Quarter Development Corporation, to evict him from the rented family house, a two-storey building with six rooms, which overlooks both

the Walling Wall and the historic Al Aqsa Mosque.

At the time, Mr. Tutunji, claimed that the eviction was racist because it was being aimed specifically at Arabs. The court rejected his appeal and supported the corporation, which argued that Mr. Tutunji did not meet the criteria for residence in the quarter, which had been expropriated by the Israeli Government for "public needs".

Ever since, Mr. Tutunji has been resisting attempts to persuade him to accept compensation and move into an alternative home in an Arab district. But this week, only three hours before he and the 13 members of his family were due to be evicted by the Israeli security forces, he agreed to accept a new compensation offer of \$110,000 and move.

Mr. Tutunji made clear to reporters that he had been forced to move against his will from a house, where he had been living

since 1935, well before the fall of the Jewish quarter in the war of independence.

"I am a Jerusalemite," he said, speaking in Hebrew. "I want to remain here. When a Jew loves Jerusalem, it is considered a spiritual value. An Arab who loves Jerusalem is suspected of supporting the Palestine Liberation Organisation".

The widely publicised decision to force the family to leave their home has angered both Arabs and Israelis. Writing in the independent Hebrew newspaper, Haaretz, Mr. Amos Elon, the Israeli author, declared:

"The heart shudders in the face of the violence of a regime which makes claims of Jewish-Arab coexistence and which, in the very days that it tries to allow Jews into the heart of Hebron, insists on the expulsion of the last Arab family from the reconstructed old quarter of Jerusalem".

--The Times, London, March 6.

Local News Briefs

AMMAN, March 8 (JNA) -- The Association of Jordanian Veterinarians will take part in the conference of Arab veterinarians scheduled to convene in Baghdad on March 15. The participants will discuss during the three-day conference amendments to the union's bylaws resulting from transferring its headquarters from Cairo to Baghdad. The Association of Jordanian Veterinarians will be represented at the conference by its chairman and five members of the association's council.

AMMAN, March 8 (JNA) -- The financial administrative committee of the National Consultative Council held a regular session today, during which it debated and then approved amendments to the 1980 Civil Aviation Law. The committee also reviewed a number of subjects connected with the landlords' and tenants' law, and the new electricity rates in the Irbid governorate.

AMMAN, March 8 (JNA) -- A team from the Department of Statistics began touring industrial concerns in Jordan today to collect data on their history, production and number of labourers employed. The tour, which is for statistical purposes and to help plan the country's industrial development, is also looking into raw materials used, the type of equipment, factory assets and other related information. The 21-member team will be visiting nearly 800 factories for this purpose, a spokesman for the department said.

AMMAN, March 8 (JNA) -- A committee formed by the Union of Arab Universities opened a three-day meeting here today to discuss

cooperation among Arab universities. The committee will be reviewing plans for exchanges of visits by staff and students of Arab universities and seminars intended to strengthen ties among them. Taking part in the meeting at the University of Jordan are the chairman of the Union of Arab Universities, the President of the University of Jordan and presidents of several other Arab universities.

AMMAN, March 8 (JNA) -- The visiting delegation representing the Muslim community in the Soviet Union today called at the University of Jordan. Its members toured a number of university faculties and were briefed on the growth of the Shari'a (Islamic Law) faculty.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

French Film

The French Cultural Centre presents a film by Robin Davis entitled "Ce cher Victor" at 7:30 p.m.

Physics Lecture

The Goethe Institute, in cooperation with the Faculty of Science of the University of Jordan, presents a lecture by Prof. Klaus Bethge on "Applied Heavy Ion Physics" at the physics department at 3:00 p.m. On Monday, at the same time, Prof. Bethge will give a lecture on "Atomic Physics of Inner Shells."

General meeting of AMERICAN WOMEN OF AMMAN

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THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN JORDAN VALLEY AUTHORITY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Jordan Valley Authority announces to all drilling contractors who have picked up or requested copies of the tender document for the Jordan Valley water well drilling programme that:

- 1- The date for receipt of bids has been postponed to April 2, 1980.
- 2- The pre-bid conference scheduled for March 3 has been postponed to the March 15, 1980. However, attendance at this conference is not mandatory.
- 3- An addendum to the tender documents has been prepared which may affect your response to the tender. The addendum can be obtained from the office of Jordan Valley Authority at the Third Circle in Jabal Amman, Amman, Jordan; or from Dames and Moore, 1626 Cole Boulevard, Golden, Colorado, 80401, U.S.A. Tel. (303) 232-6262.

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The institute has well-equipped laboratories and a good range of operational airfield equipment. Candidates should possess as minimum a B.Sc. degree in electronics. A genuine interest in teaching is essential.

Application forms are available from the institute and should reach the institute not later than March 15, 1980.

Applications should be submitted to the director, Queen Noor Training Institute for Civil Aviation.

Telephone 56553

Damas-Scene

Compiled for the Jordan Times by Pat McDonnell

(Week of March 9-14) EXHIBITIONS

WEDNESDAY, March 10: Graphics by Bassam Buwaira go on view in the Cultural Centre. The artist is a draftsman by trade, and member of the Fine Arts Syndicate.

THURSDAY, March 12: An exhibition of stamps bearing portraits of Lenin goes on view in the Soviet Cultural Centre.

An exhibition of paintings, embroidery and handicrafts by members of the Syrian Women's Federation goes on view for one day in the Arab Cultural Centre. Hours: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily.

FRIDAY, March 13: One hundred posters and photos depicting the Revolution of Iran are on view through Tuesday in the Cultural Centre. A unique colour documentary recording events of the most dramatic movements of the revolution is to be shown for the first time in Syria. Please phone the number 333-727, for the time the film will be shown.

Only new pen-and-ink and pastel works by Damascus artist Ismail will be on view through Thursday at Al Sha'b Gallery. Hours: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 4 - 8 p.m. daily.

Sketches of the Old City of Damascus by Naser Husni are on view through Wednesday in the French Cultural Centre. All are done in felt pen. The artist is an architectural draftsman.

CONCERTS

WEDNESDAY, March 11: Miss Ranya Al Malki will perform works composed at 7 p.m. in the German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre. Miss Malki is a graduate of Dresden College of Music.

THURSDAY, March 12 and THURSDAY, March 13: The BBC's "The Voice of the Desert" will be on view through Tuesday in Al Ni Hall. Twelve members of the 28-voice choir are taking this tour. The BBC Singers were organised in September 1979. Chorus director John Poole is accompanying the group. Programme for Wednesday will include "Pastime with Company", by King Henry VIII; songs by Shakespeare, "To the Virgin" by Benjamin Britten and four chansons by Poulenc. Thursday's programme will include three carols, 15th century; Thomas Morley's Elizabethan song-poem, "I love my darling"; two numbers by Benjamin Britten and songs by Peter Maxwell Davies.

FRIDAY, March 13: Students of the Damascus Conservatory of Music will present a concert at 7 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre.

VIDEO-TAPED PROGRAMMES

WEDNESDAY, March 12: "D'Arcachon" and "Le Reid" are to French national parks to be viewed at 6 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre.

THURSDAY, March 14: Continuing its series on national parks, the Cultural Centre will feature Les Embiez and Les Pyrénées.

LECTURES

WEDNESDAY, March 12: "In the Places of Lenin" entitled a

slide lecture slated for 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre.

*** A discussion and lecture about human rights is slated for 7 p.m. in the Cine-Club. (In Arabic)

FILMS

MONDAY, March 10, and THURSDAY, March 13: "Mouchette" entitled a black and white film directed by Robert Bresson in 1967, to be shown in the French Cultural Centre. The story deals with a young widow in a small French town and the motivations of people who attempt to help her. It stars Nadine Nortier, Marie Susini, Maria Cardinal and Jean Claude Guilbert (in French only). Show times are 7:30 p.m. Monday and 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

SUNDAY, March 9: "Man Against Man" entitled this film directed by Kurt Maetzig, starring Karin Schroeder, slated for 6:30 p.m. in the German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre (in German, with Arabic subtitles). A documentary titled "Joint Space Flight: USSR - GDR" also is scheduled.

WEDNESDAY, March 12: Panama will be spotlighted this week as the Spanish Cultural Centre continues its series of films produced by Spanish TV about Latin American countries. The film will begin at 6:30 p.m. (in Spanish).

*** "Effie Briest", the 1974 film directed by R.W. Fassbinder, will be shown at 8 p.m. in the Goethe Institute. It stars Hanna Schygulla, Wolfgang Schnack and Ulli Lommel (in German, with Arabic sub-titles).

*** Two documentaries on the life of Lenin will be shown at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre.

THURSDAY, March 13: The controversial film "Until Death We Do Part" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. in the German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre. The film was directed by Heiner Carow in 1979 (in German only).

FRIDAY, March 14: "One Times One" is title of a feature film slated for 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (with Arabic sub-titles).

ENTERTAINMENT

IF YOU HAVEN'T seen them yet, an evening of first-rate entertainment is in store for you nightly at 11:30 p.m. when the Damascus Dural Dancers perform in the Supper Club of the Damascus Sheraton Hotel.

The choreographer and lead dancer is Argentinian Sebastian Dural, who has studied classical ballet and modern dance in New York, Paris and Sweden. He also studied costume design in Buenos Aires, where he performed with folkloric troupes before organising his dance group seven years ago.

Mr. Dural designed the highly unusual costumes for the five women and two male dancers who perform 14 numbers in a non-stop 45-minute show. The numbers are described by the choreographer as contemporary jazz in style and range from a unique take-off of a dance from the American film, "Cabaret", to Afro jazz selections.

The troupe is a mini-United Nations in itself, what with Tom Green from the United States, Ari Celada, Spain; Jody Burton, Australia; Victoria Yepes, Colombia; and Tracy Rogers, Pamela Courtney and Terry Steer, England. The show continues until March 31.

If you have items for the Damas-Scene column, please telephone them in Damascus to 336-658 or mail them to Pat McDonnell, P.O. Box 5601, Damascus.

Federation of business women's clubs work to improve status of women

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, March 8 — When Mrs. In'am Mufti founded the Business and Professional Women's Club in Jerusalem in 1966 (which club was dissolved after the Israeli occupation), and initiated the Nablus branch, she couldn't have imagined she would also be founding one in Amman twelve years later. Neither could she foretell that this organisation would expand and win international recognition. But Mrs. Mufti, now the minister of social development, certainly was a visionary.

More than one hundred women in Amman, Kerak and Madaba now work for the improvement of the status of women, together with the promotion of peace, progress and cooperation and understanding among women's associations in different countries. These are the concerns of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

The three clubs — three is the prerequisite number for affiliation — recently became a national federation. This occasion was specially celebrated at the traditional candle-lighting ceremony, held by every country in the same manner during the last week of February. The candles symbolise the endeavour of dedicated women in all lands: white candles are lit to represent national federations, and blue ones for countries where there is at least one associate club. In Jordan, the celebration was held under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor, the honorary president of the national federation.

Jordan is about to become a member of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, which now includes clubs in 37 countries (there are associate clubs in 28 other countries). The certification of approval is expected in May, the month in which the organisation will hold its yearly congress. It will also be the occasion of its Golden Jubilee, which will be celebrated in Montreux, Switzerland.

The federation's plans for the 1980s include making nurseries and kindergartens available for working mothers so that they will be able to work with their minds at ease about their children, and will be stimulated to fulfill both roles — as mothers and as working women — at the same time. To

shoulder "communal, local, national, and international responsibilities": "acquire education, occupational training, and advanced training"; and enable women to "use their capacities and intelligence for the advantage of others as well as themselves", are among the general aims of the federation.

Besides the establishment of nurseries and kindergartens, the federation plans to train housewives and provide them with the equipment to take care of their neighbour's children — under supervision — while the children's mothers are at work.

Another aim is "equal opportunities for women in economic, civic and political life" and the "removal of discrimination". A committee of women lawyers is evaluating the labour law — now under revision — and will put forward legislative proposals in keeping with the aims of the organisation. These proposals will be discussed with officials at a higher level throughout the process of the redrafting of the law.

The International Federation of Business and Professional Women was formed in Geneva in 1930, and is the most influential organisation of its kind in the world. It is

the voice of business and professional women at the United Nations and its organisations: the U.N. Economic and Social Council (Ecosoc); and the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco); it has consultative status at the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and maintains contacts with other specialised U.N. agencies such as the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

Member federations work to

influence the attitude of their governments towards ratification of U.N. conventions concerning women.

The Jordan federation, which is composed of business and professional women (75 per cent) and housewives (25 per cent), holds monthly meetings to discuss matters of common interest, while the board of directors, presided over by Mrs. Mufti, meets weekly at the Chamber of Commerce. The vice-president of the federation is Mrs. Layla Burqan.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	299.50/301.50
U.K. sterling	665.50/669.50
West German mark	166.30/167.30
Swiss franc	173.30/174.30
French franc	71.10/71.50
Italian lire	
(for every 100)	36.00/36.20
Japanese yen	
(for every 100)	120.80/121.50
Dutch guilder	151.70/152.60
Swedish crown	70.00/70.40

TODAY'S WEATHER

It will be partly cloudy, with westerly moderate to fresh winds. In Aquaba, it will be hazy, with northerly moderate to fresh winds and calm seas.

	Overnight	Daytime
	low	high
Amman	4	17
Aqaba	14	24
Deserts	6	20
Jordan Valley	12	22

Hussein, Giscard

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must be recognised. It is not a question of refugees, but the question of a people who aspire to exist and to organise themselves as a people. In exercising their right to self-determination, which is an equally universal right, within the context of a peaceful settlement, they must be able to have a say about their destiny and to have a homeland," the French leader said.

"For France, such are the conditions for peace in the Middle East. Putting them into practice requires the participation of all the interested parties. Consequently all parties must be involved in the negotiations, particularly the Palestinian people, which implies the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation," the president said.

"It is time for everyone to recognise that peace is not possible in the Middle East apart from these two facts: the legitimate existence of states in the region and the

unalterable force of nationalistic feelings," he concluded.

The banquet was attended by His Highness Prince Mohammad, His Highness Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath and Princess Alia.

It was also attended by the prime minister, the speaker of the upper house of parliament, the chief of the royal court, former prime ministers, the president of the National Consultative Council, the court minister, the chief chamberlain, the commander-in-chief of the armed forces, cabinet members and high ranking government officials and their wives.

It was also attended by heads of diplomatic missions of European Economic Community member states, the French ambassador in Amman and the Jordanian ambassador to France.

During the banquet, His Majesty the King decorated the French president with the highest Jordanian medal, the Hussein Ibn

Ali medal.

The French president and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing arrived in Amman this morning from Aqaba at the beginning of their three-day official visit to Jordan.

King Hussein and Queen Noor returned to the capital ahead of the French couple to greet them at the airport.

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing and his wife are on a 10-day tour of Arab states and they have been in Jordan since Thursday, resting in the Red Sea port.

A 21-gun salute was fired in honour of the French president.

After inspecting a guard of honour, the two heads of state drove into the capital along streets lined with flags and banners praising France's pro-Arab policy and Franco-Jordanian friendship and cooperation.

As the motorcade approached the city centre, people stood up to four deep to welcome the president, whose endorsement last week of the Palestinian people's right to self-determination has been hailed as a breakthrough for the Arab cause.

Millionth passenger flies MEA from Amman to Beirut

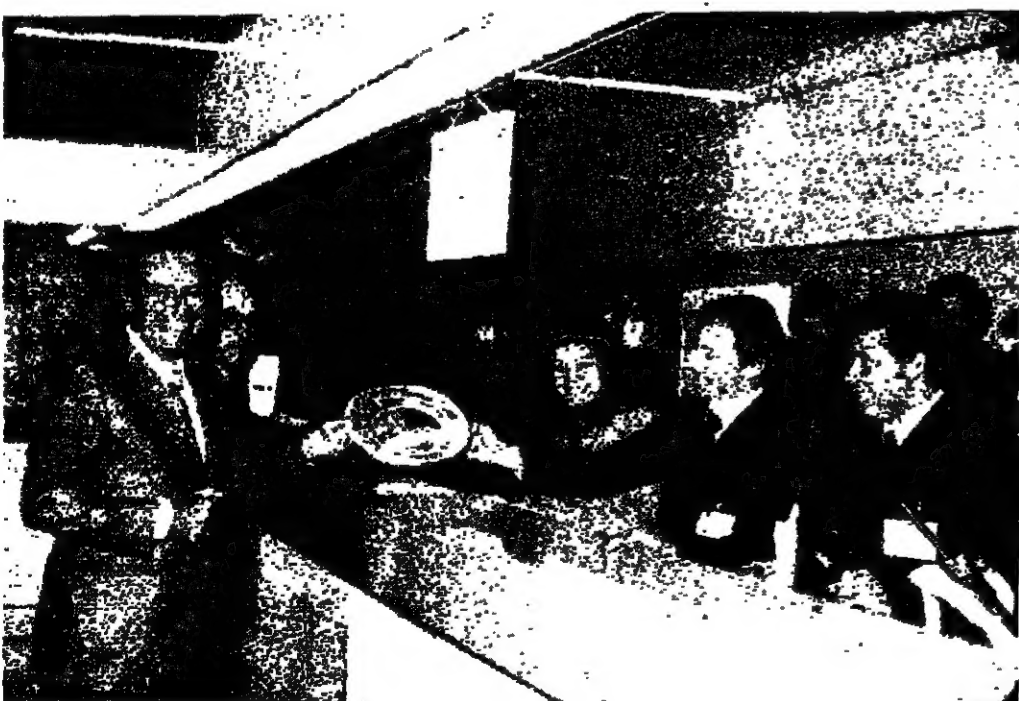
Middle East Airlines/ Air Liban offers swift and efficient service, computerised reservations, punctual flights

millionth passenger to fly Middle East Airlines from Amman to Beirut marked an MEA Boeing 707, Flight No. 313, left at 7:45 a.m. today, March 8.

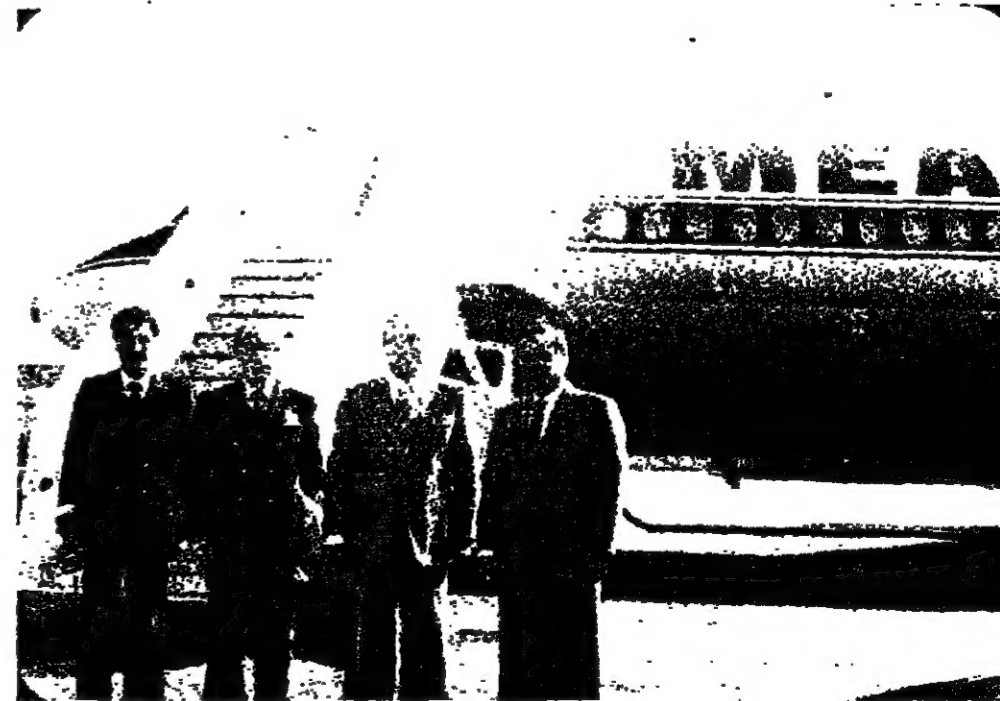
MEA's computerised reservations service, went into operation on March 3, added the magic touch to the airline's traditional service to keep track of the millionth passenger flying to Lebanon from any destination on MEA's world-wide network.

MEA's computerised reservations system provides speedy and efficient service to its passengers, a service that is valuable in view of heavy demand on the Amman-Beirut line.

The millionth passenger was Mr. Pierre Haddad, General Manager of the Amman branch of the Amman General Insurance Society for the East. Mr. Haddad, a Jordanian national



Mr. Pierre Haddad (the millionth passenger) and an MEA official hold the prize. Beside him is Mr. Afif Siblini. Other MEA staff members look on.



(From right to left) Mr. Samir Abi Nahed, MEA's manager in Jordan, Mr. Pierre Haddad (the millionth passenger), Mr. Afif Siblini, Mr. Mohammad Denah, manager of the Amman office of MEA.

born in 1935, is a specialist in maritime and aviation insurance who studied the business in London and Paris. He has been in the insurance business since 1953.

Mr. Haddad told reporters at the airport: "I have been flying MEA ever since it started the Amman-Beirut line at the rate of four times a month. I recommend MEA's ground service, which is excellent. No

doubt this is an indication of the efficiency and competence of MEA's ground crew at Amman airport and the competence of MEA's managers in Jordan.

He also praised the in-flight service provided by MEA's cabin crews. It is fast and efficient, he said, adding that MEA stewardesses are tops. MEA is punctual on arrival and departure," he said.

MEA started flying in and out of Amman on November 4, 1950. The planes it was using in those days were DC 3s (Dakotas) which could accommodate 28 passengers. As the airline grew it switched to Viscounts, which could fly 56 passengers, then Caravelles which take 77 passengers, and then Conquairs which take 87. Now MEA uses Boeing 707's on the Amman-Beirut line,

which can accommodate 152 passengers.

Progress and satisfied passengers are the watchwords for MEA.

Indications of the efficiency of the service on the Amman-Beirut line are the increase in flights between Jordan and Lebanon and the close cooperation between Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, and Middle East Airlines/Air

Liban. The progress Jordan has scored in all fields has led to an increase in the number of passengers flying in and out of Amman via Beirut to destinations on MEA's world-wide network.

MEA's head office in Beirut delegated Mr. Afif Salim Al Siblini to fly to Amman and present Mr. Haddad with a symbolic gift on the occasion.

Mr. Samir Abi Nahed, General Manager of MEA in Jordan, said that all the staff of the airline in Jordan will spare no effort to continue to live up to the expectations of their customers and to MEA's tradition of efficient and swift service.

Mr. Abi Nahed also praised the commendable efforts and expertise of the Civil Aviation Directorate in Jordan under the capable administration of Sharif Ghazi Rakan and of the staff of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, under the management of its President and Chairman of the Board, Mr. Ali Ghandour.

Of course the story of MEA's success in Jordan is not complete without giving due and well-deserved mention to the efforts and competent management of Mr. Abi Nahed himself and his staff, who have spared no effort in giving satisfaction to the passengers.

—Reportage by Tewfiq Kiwan

Basketball roundup

NEW YORK, March 8 (AP) — The first-place Boston Celtics downed the second-place Philadelphia 76ers 111-92 last night in a matchup of the National Basketball Association's Atlantic division leaders. The Celtics extended their season-high winning streak to nine games. The 76ers, who had a six-game winning streak snapped, made just 38.4 of their field goal attempts.

Despite 26 second-half points by Julius Erving, Philadelphia came no closer than 11 points after intermission. Boston had five men in double figures, led by Larry Bird with 27 points, Cedric Maxwell with 20 and Rick Robey with 18. Robey also snared 12 rebounds, one less than Erving's game high of 13.

In other games, **Bullets 106, Pistons 105:** Elvin Hayes scored 25 points, 11 of them in the fourth-quarter that rallied Washington to its victory over Detroit. John Long scored 27 for Detroit.

Rockets 111, Nets 110: Robert Reid made two foul shots with 11 seconds left in the second overtime to give Houston its victory over New Jersey. Moses Malone led Houston scorers with 37 points, the same total amassed by Mike Newlin of New Jersey.

Hawks 99, Pacers 94: The Hawks got 23 points from Dan Roundfield to power past the Pacers.

Cavaliers 111, Kings 104: Mike Mitchell scored 23 points to pace Cleveland's front-running victory over Kansas City.

Knicks 118, Spurs 112: Toby Knight scored 33 points, helping New York survive a 40-point performance by San Antonio's George Gervin as the Knicks handed the Spurs their seventh consecutive loss.

Suns 110, Jazz 99: Paul Westphal and Walter Davis each scored 24 points and each had 10 of them in the fourth quarter as Phoenix upended Utah.

Trail Blazers 113, Nuggets 104: Portland held off Denver Hawks to Calvin Natt, who scored 29 points — 14 of them in the final 6:21 after the Nuggets had pulled within five.

Lakers 101, Bulls 99: Earvin Johnson scored a basket and a free throw with 35 seconds left to assure Los Angeles of its victory over Chicago.

Dane loses badminton championship

COPENHAGEN March 8 (AP) — India's Prakash Padukone ousted Danish world champion Flemming Delfs 18-14, 18-8 today to advance to the men's singles finals of the 200,000 kroner (\$35,000) Danish Open Badminton championships. For the title,

Padukone will meet Denmark's Morten Frost who used his superior speed and great retrieving power to defeat Indonesian veteran Rudy Hartono 15-12, 18-14 in the other semifinals.

Prakash, playing an elegant game with a very low rate of errors, came from behind in the first set to even the score at 13-13 after the Dane had held what seemed a commanding lead. In the second the Indian played flawlessly, chasing Delfs about the court to lead 8-2, 12-6 and 14-7. Delfs rallied to make it 14-8 and survive two matchpoints before finally succumbing when netting a sizzling smash from Padukone.

At 31, Hartono showed much of the brilliance that gave him the all England title a record eight times, but in the long run he could not stand up to the power and speed of Frost. The Dane, one of the fastest badminton players in the world, covered his court extremely well and deliberately planned for a lengthy duel to tire Hartono who led 8-5 in the first set, but then trailed all the way.

Everest climbers sighted yeti prints

NEW DELHI, India March 8 (AP) — Members of a Polish expedition who recently scaled Mount Everest claimed they saw footprints of a "yeti" the legendary abominable snowman during their climb. "I lost my balance when I heard about yeti's footprints at an altitude of 5,500 metres", Andrzej Zawada told Indian reporters yesterday.

At first, Zawada, a geophysicist, said he didn't believe the reports of the sighting by team members "because there are so many jokes about the yeti." So he sent the team doctor, "a quiet, intelligent man" to the spot to verify the report. "The climber photographed the footprints. Each print was 36 centimetres long and 17 centimetres wide," Zawada added.

He said that the depth of the print in the snow indicated that the

creature was "very heavy" and tall. The footprints were one metre apart from each other. Zawada's expedition was the first to conquer the 8,848-metre-high mountain in winter.

Irishman hopes to repeat cross-country win

PARIS, March 8 (R) — John Treacy, a young Irishman with only a modest record as a track athlete, attempts to win the world cross-country championships for the third year in a row at Longchamp race course here tomorrow.

The 22-year-old Treacy's lack of achievement on the track contrasts sharply with his remarkable success in one of athletics' toughest events at an age when most cross-country runners are still maturing. Two years ago in Glasgow he became the youngest ever winner of the world title and he won again last year in Limerick, Ireland, despite a mid-race fall.

The main opposition to Treacy is expected to come from the other top Europeans, men like 1977 champion Leon Schots of Belgium. Wales's Tony Simmons, in the top eight for the last four years, and Russian Alexander Antipov third last year and second the year before. American Craig Virgin, 13th in 1979 and sixth in 1978, is among the most fancied of the non-Europeans.

But Treacy, reflecting his surprising maturity as a runner over the country, refuses to be intimidated by any of them. "I fear no one in particular, just the men who are still with me after two miles," he says. "I feel I have a good chance of retaining the title."

The race distance tomorrow is 11.9 kilometres nearly seven and a half miles) over the gentle gradients of Longchamp race course where the runners are normally thoroughbred horses.

Despite a recent dry spell, the going is expected to be heavy although perhaps not quite to the extent that it was in Glasgow and Limerick where the runners churned through thick mud.

Business awaits China's law

HONG KONG, March 8 (AP) — A leading Chinese economist admitted today that China has been disappointed by the response from foreign investors to its offer of establishing joint ventures. But Gu Nian Liang, editor of China's "Dialectical Political Economy," placed most of the blame on his own government for failing to adopt essential new laws to implement a law on joint ventures which was adopted last year.

Investors from 20 countries and regions came to China for more than a hundred projects "but the progress was not impressive," he said. "This is mainly because the law on joint ventures" was not followed up in time by other necessary decrees.

Mr. Gu said the departments concerned were still in the process of drafting regulations to implement the joint venture law. New laws on corporate and personal income taxes, regulations for joint ventures, regulations of foreign currency control, and accounting law and other decrees. But he said he didn't know when they would be finished. "Some drafts are ready and I had a look at them but they're still working on them."

"Our democracy is almost too much. They (officials from departments concerned) always nod their heads (when they are at the drafts) but when they turn around, it's always different. It is democracy on our part," he said.

Mr. Gu gave a few clues on what the new laws might contain. Some 250 businessmen from 16 countries attending a forum seminar in Hong Kong given by six leading Chinese economists "China's economy in the 1980s."

He said that "for the moment" the departments concerned suggesting a corporate income tax for joint ventures of between 30 per cent and 35 per cent. He said this would be lower than the rate in Japan, the United States, Singapore and many other European countries, higher than Hong Kong's and close to Taiwan's and Yugoslavia's.

Mr. Gu, said China also plans to adopt measures of taxation or exemption "in the light of the practice of other countries. He said he personally favours tax reduction or exemption for the first two or three profit making years and an "excess profits tax" when profits pass a certain level, which he did not say. Mr. Gu said the contract period for a joint venture should be on the particular line of business.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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HOW PEOPLE WHO ARE PRONE TO CARELESSNESS SOME-TIMES END UP.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: SOGGY LOATH RATIFY IMPEDE
Answer: What the dramatist who stole all his plots was—A "PLAY-GIARIST"

THE Daily Crossword by Hugh McElroy

ACROSS
1 Error
5 Substance
9 Depressed area
13 Chaotic
14 Tennis
15 Kind of sandwich
16 "You —, and I'll —"
19 Guitar's kin
20 — pieux
21 Bridal path
22 Parent of hockey
24 "White"
26 Ruin
28 Franklin of song

32 Is not able to
34 Path
37 Jan —, religious reformer
38 "— as an elephant's eye"
42 Mideast initials
43 Silly
44 Luxurious
45 Husky shoe
46 A Ludwig
50 Llama's home
53 Candy nut
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60 Ever
62 Through: pref.

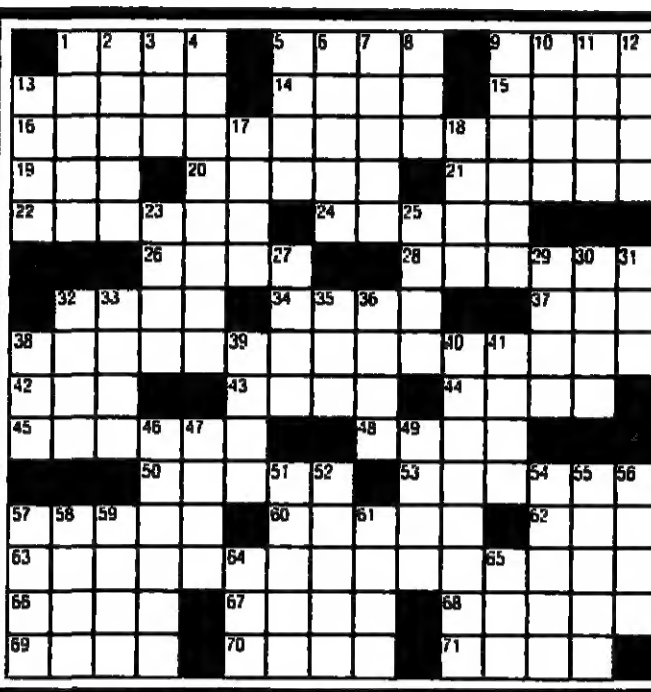
63 Improving on progress
66 Lily plant
67 Singer
68 City on the Rhine
69 Repair
70 Auxiliary verb
71 River of Europe

DOWN
1 Viper
2 Basketball player
3 City of Nigeria
4 — port (comes to shore)
5 Irishman
6 Bandleader
7 County
8 Young sheep
9 Lourdes
10 Many popes
11 Russian
12 Fashion
13 Ticket end
17 Did garden work
18 Hit musical
23 — Dimitris
25 Nothing: Sp.
27 Caen's river

29 "Give us — day..."
30 Walpole or O'Brien
31 Bat wood
32 Scorch
33 Prefix with drone
35 Lubricate
36 "— sow, so..."
38 Decrepit boat
39 Tear
40 Dam feature
41 Eleanor or Celeste
46 Having a special walk
47 "The King —"
49 Macho
51 Bird
52 Hawaii or Alaska
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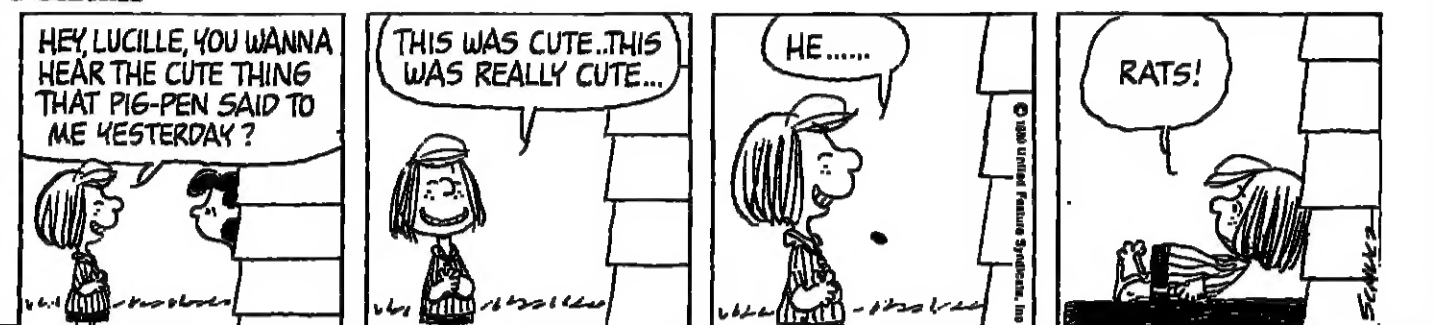
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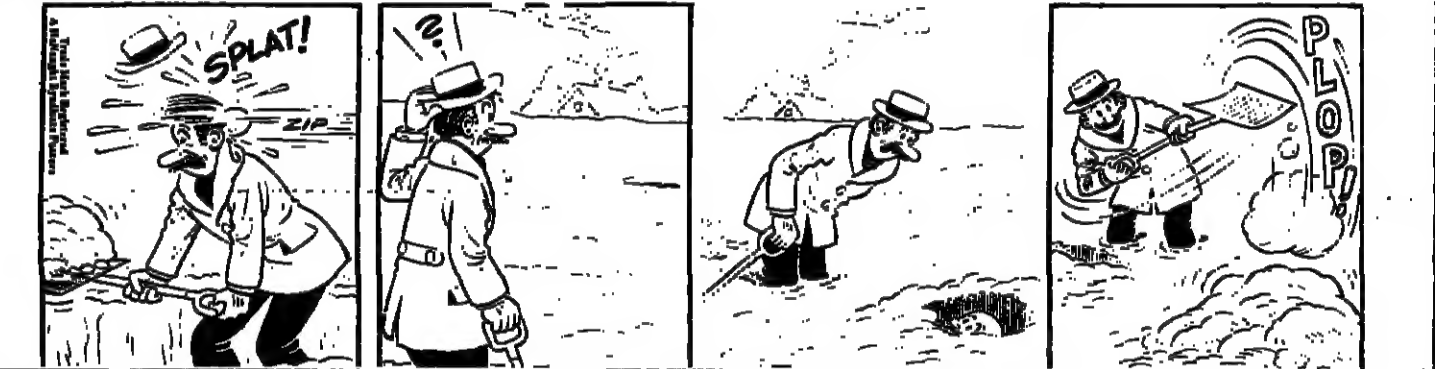
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Reagan considered man to beat Republican presidential campaign enters crucial series of U.S. primaries

CHARLESTON, South Carolina, March 8 (R)—The 1980 Republican presidential campaign today entered a crucial series of southern state primaries where popular conservative Mr. Ronald Reagan hopes to destroy two rivals in one mighty effort.

Newspaper polls and political professionals rated the former California governor the solid favorite over Mr. George Bush and Mr. John Connally in voting in the Republicans-only primary in South Carolina, the ultra-conservative state where the Civil War started.

Mr. Reagan was also considered the man to beat on Tuesday in Republican primaries in Florida, Georgia and Alabama, other deep south states considered his natural stronghold.

But a loss or even a narrow victory in South Carolina could hurt him in those states and encourage yet another challenger, former President Mr. Gerald Ford, to enter the race.

Mr. Ford, who barely beat Mr. Reagan for the Republican nomination four years ago, has said he may well declare himself a candidate later this month after he has seen the results of the next few primaries.

Mr. Ford today met campaign strategist John Sears in Palm Springs, California in what is regarded as a first step towards announcing his candidacy in the Republican contest.

After the meeting at his luxurious desert home, Mr. Ford said that Mr. Sears' views on whether he should enter the election were very interesting. But he gave no indication he had reached a decision.

The democrats hold no primary in South Carolina and resume their fray on Tuesday in the other three deep south states. President Carter, who hails from Georgia, is the overwhelming favorite over Senator Edward Kennedy in all three contests.

This left the focus on the Republican race. All four southern primaries were crucial to the strategies of Republican leaders, and were life-and-death political affairs for one, Mr. Connally.

The silver-haired former treasury secretary and Texas governor, who was wounded in the fusillade that killed President John Kennedy in Dallas in 1963, has gone all-out, especially in South Carolina.

A fifth and sixth-place finisher in all the earlier contests, Mr. Connally has declared South Carolina the state where he will cut deeply into Mr. Reagan's conservative support and prove himself.



Ronald Reagan

self a serious candidate for the party nomination.

Despite exhaustive campaigning and the endorsement of some powerful local politicians, however, he was handicapped by Mr. Reagan's deep grass-roots popularity and by his image as a fast-talking Texas millionaire who became a Republican only a few years ago when he decided to quit the Democratic Party.

Connally aides conceded privately that he needed a strong second place showing in South Carolina to keep his candidacy alive.

Mr. Bush winner of three earlier contests, had more leeway because his more moderate political philosophy cast him in the natural underdog role in the south.

Nonetheless, he too campaigned hard in South Carolina and Florida, striving to keep up enough momentum to rebound when the primaries swing north into Illinois on March 18.

That is where Congressman John Anderson, the unconsidered liberal who scored stunning second place finishes last Tuesday in Massachusetts and Vermont, re-enters the contest.

Mr. Anderson, who is from Illinois, was not on the ballot in South Carolina and was not actively contesting the other three southern primaries.

'No more Colombia hostages to be released in near future'

BOGOTA, March 8 (R)—A spokesman for left-wing M-19 guerrillas holding more than 30 hostages in the Dominican Republic embassy said no more captives would be released in the near future and warned that negotiations could drag on for two weeks or more.

The guerrilla spokesman — identified as "Commander One" — said there were more than 30 guerrillas inside the building, which they stormed during a diplomatic party on Feb. 27.

Since then they have released 24 people, but are still holding more than 30, including 12 ambassadors.

Commander One accused the Colombian authorities of stalling during negotiations. He said the guerrillas had made concrete proposals.

The third round of talks ended yesterday, with no apparent result. The government said further talks would be held next week, but gave no date.

An official communiqué said two Foreign Ministry officials talked with a masked woman guerrilla in a van parked outside the embassy and put forward a detailed explanation of the official position.

"The representative of the occupiers of the (embassy) reiterated their position," it added, without giving any further details.

In exchange for the hostages, the guerrillas "want \$50 million, the release of at least 311 political detainees, withdrawal of troops around the embassy and publication of a manifesto."

Austrian Ambassador Edgar Selzer, held hostage for eight days with other diplomats at the Dominican Republic embassy, returned home yesterday and called for a peaceful end to the embassy occupation by left-wing guerrillas.

The guerrillas of the M-19 group released Dr. Selzer Thursday because his wife was seriously ill in Austria.

"My strongest wish is that those who are able to do something good will try with all peaceful means to solve this affair," the exhausted ambassador told reporters at Vienna airport. "Anything else could end in catastrophe."

Dr. Selzer said the hostages were all in good condition and were being treated well.

The ambassador, who took up his post last October, said the guerrillas were keeping diplomats in separate rooms from non-diplomats, and had imposed a daily schedule so detailed that it specified when each hostage could use the bathroom.

"At the moment, the situation in the embassy is calm, and life goes on in an orderly fashion," he said.

Morocco to be excluded from African leaders' 2-day conference on Sahara

BAMAKO, March 8 (R)— Heads of state of six African countries meet in the capital of Mali today for a two-day summit conference on the Sahara.

But Morocco, still fighting a four-year-old guerrilla war in the western desert against the Polisario independence movement, has been excluded from the meeting, informed sources said.

The six countries — Algeria, Chad, the Libyan Jamahiriya,

Mali, Mauritania, and Niger — rejected a Moroccan request to attend the summit and are expected to pledge support for the Polisario Front.

Morocco's request was turned down during a preparatory ministerial meeting, the sources said.

The six nations are attempting to create a formal framework for regional cooperation based on historical bedouin links in the Sahara Desert, and will also review what

aid could be given to drought-stricken Sahel countries such as Mali and Mauritania which suffer from a chronic food shortage.

Foreign Minister Alioune Blondin Beye of Mali told Reuters the ministers prepared a final declaration to be submitted to the heads of state calling for the signing of a friendship and non-aggression treaty between the six.

Algeria was at odds with Mauritania until the Mauritians withdrew from their part of the Western Sahara last summer. And relations between Libya and Chad in the past five years have been frequently hostile, with Libya occupying the northern Chad Aouzou Strip in 1974, and subsequently backing northern Muslim guerrillas in the Chad civil war.

Informed sources here said the decision to prevent Morocco from attending the summit meant that the six Saharan nations were denying the Moroccans any historical role in the region, and acting to isolate Morocco on the Western Sahara issue.

Turkish customs begins sale of confiscated goods

ANKARA, March 8 (R)— Martial law forces, backed by armoured cars, were called in to maintain order as Turkish customs put millions of dollars worth of confiscated foreign goods on sale in a department store here yesterday.

The authorities had to call off the sale after two hours with thousands of Turks, including many from far-off towns and villages, crowding into the state-owned Gima store in the centre of the city.

Yesterday's offer of electronic goods was the first stage of a government plan to earn some \$350 million worth of lira from goods held in Ankara customs sheds for years.

Martial law troops in combat gear and carrying automatic rifles kept back more shoppers as three armoured cars rolled up in front of the store.

One was driven up the steps outside the main entrance and its machine gun pointed at the crowd. But there was no violence, only pushing and shoving as the rush began for foreign-made radios, television sets and other electronic goods.

Turkey has imported only essential raw materials for more than a year because of a soaring trade deficit and a shortage of foreign currency.

After two hours of chaos, with central Ankara traffic totally blocked by the throng, the sale was stopped.

A state radio broadcast said it would be continued later, but staggered over several days and in several shops.

Goods held by the Ankara customs range from smuggled miniature calculators and ping pong

Leader of Rhodesia's whites gives indication of plan to stay in politics

SALISBURY, March 8 (R)— Rhodesian white leader Ian Smith, defiant to the last, yesterday gave a clear indication that he planned to remain in politics in spite of the massive election victory of arch-foe Robert Mugabe and the advent of majority rule he once swore to resist for 1,000 years.

The former premier was speaking at his first press conference since Mr. Mugabe's landslide win was announced last Tuesday.

Asked if he would serve in the coalition government Mr. Mugabe is assembling, he said: "Much as I would like to avoid it... if anyone in Rhodesia today is called upon to serve the country he has no choice."

Mr. Smith said he would "love to get out of politics" but denied reports that his resignation had been demanded by Mr. Mugabe in return for white seats in a new Zimbabwe cabinet. "I will go at the appropriate time," he said.

Almost four years ago Mr. Smith vowed: "I don't believe in majority rule, black majority rule, ever in Rhodesia, not in a thousand years."



Ian Smith

But last week's elections ended nine decades of white supremacy and gave Mr. Mugabe the leadership of the war-battered country's first true majority-rule government.

Mr. Mugabe's ZANLA (Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army) guerrillas bore the brunt of the fighting in the just-ended seven-year bush war that forced the elections on Mr. Smith and his moderate black allies.

The white leader paid only grudging homage to Mr. Mugabe's

victory. "Provided he and his party live up to their commitments there is hope," he said.

Seeking to head off an exodus of whites, many of whom have been apprehensive about their future under the radical Mr. Mugabe, Mr. Smith cautioned his followers against hasty action. "The only advice is wait and see. You never solve problems by running away."

He called for the inclusion of whites in a new Zimbabwe government, as Mr. Mugabe has already suggested.

It is uncertain however whether any whites in the new government would necessarily come from Mr. Smith's Rhodesian Front, which controls all 20 seats allocated to the minority in the 100-member Zimbabwe assembly.

Mr. Smith called on his followers to eschew "recriminations for deeds gone by and work together with our fellow countrymen to make a success of this new venture."

But he indirectly attacked Mr. Mugabe, suggesting that his rise to power might not give Rhodesia "the chance we were looking for... to perfect democracy."

Italy swept by wave of scandals

By Victor Simpson

ROME—A wave of scandals has erupted in Italy and cast dark clouds over cabinet ministers, savings banks and even the country's revered soccer players.

Each day brings further allegations — referred to under such names as "black funds," "white funds," "doctored books" and the "betting fix" — that have shaken the faith of ordinary Italians in some of their most cherished institutions.

One newspaper summed up the dismal state of affairs with banner headline "povera Italia" (poor Italy).

In the past few weeks: — Three construction tycoons fled the country in their private jet ahead of arrest warrants. They allegedly left behind unpaid debts and accumulated interest of 160 billion lire (\$190 million).

— A cabinet minister quit under fire after an admission that he accepted campaign funds from the

missing tycoons for the long-dominant Christian Democrat Party.

— Police roused 38 bank presidents and businessmen from their beds at dawn in nationwide arrests for allegedly loaning money to friends or political allies without obtaining adequate guarantees.

Italy has reeled under various scandals in recent years. President Giovanni Leone resigned in 1978 in the wake of press allegations of tax evasion and other financial irregularities, a former defence minister went to jail in the Lockheed payoffs scandal, and last December, Saudi Arabia halted an oil deal after published reports that the Italian state energy group made a payoff of \$115 million to secure the contract.

"It's the end of an era," said author Luigi Barzini, who chronicled scandals of an earlier day in his best-seller "The Italians."

"Italy has gone through the so-called fat cow years in which everything was permitted to people who had sufficient political backing," Mr. Barzini said. "Suddenly, this protection has vanished and, as we say in Italy, 'all the knots have come to the comb'."

Even soccer has been tainted. The nation has been

stunned by allegations that 27 stars, some of whom earn over 200 million lire (\$220,000) a year, accepted bribes to influence the outcome of games.

That not only hurt the youngsters who wait for their heroes outside the dressing rooms on Sundays, but shocked adults who participate each week in the state-run soccer pools.

No charges have been filed yet and all the players have declared their innocence, although one admitted he accepted a check, explaining it was only to buy a gold watch.

Fans have already turned on the former untouchables. At a weekly practice for the Lazio team of Rome, several hundred shouted "thieves," "shame" and other insults.

The financial scandals are deeply rooted in Italy's patronage system, where abuses continue despite a 1974 law providing public financing of political parties.

The missing builders, the Caltrigione brothers, were known to be close to the Christian Democrats and reportedly often hosted lavish parties for leading politicians at their villas in Italy and the French Riviera or an apartment in New York. They built up a prop-

erty empire, obtaining funds from the state central savings institute, Italcasse. Liquidation proceedings have now been started against 19 companies controlled by the Sicilian-born brothers, and they face charges of fraudulent bankruptcy.

The former management of Italcasse had been convicted of using the bank's funds to make illegal contributions to political parties. These were known as "black funds" because the money involved was not recorded in the bank's books.

As the Caltrigione controversy simmered, and newspapers questioned whether they were tipped off that arrest warrants were about to be issued, Mr. Franco Evangelisti, the minister of merchant marine, was quoted in an interview as saying that he accepted campaign money from one of the brothers.

After the Communist Party threatened to ask for a vote of confidence in the government, Mr. Evangelisti, a close associate of former premier Giulio Andreotti, resigned.

The bankers were picked up in a "white funds" scandal — that is, the controversial loans were fully accounted for.

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World News Briefs

BREST, France, March 8 (R)— Rescue ships today hunted for missing crewmen from the 18,000 ton oil tanker Tania which broke in two in mountainous seas off the Brittany coast yesterday. Four men are still missing from the Madagascar-registered tanker, which was carrying 26,000 tons of refined fuel from the West German port of Wilhelmshaven to Civita Vecchia, Italy. So far four bodies have been recovered, and 31 crewmen rescued safely. Coastguard officials estimate that between 2,000 and 3,000 tons of oil have leaked from the wreckage into the sea, causing a three-kilometre-long slick. The Tania broke up near the scene of the world's worst tanker pollution disaster. The Amoco Cadiz ran aground off the Brittany coast 18 months ago, and 220,000 tons of crude oil drifted onto the French coastline.

PEKING, March 8 (R)— Almost one-eighth of humanity stopped work today when China's 500 million women took the day off to celebrate International Women's Day. In a report to mark the occasion, the New China News Agency said there were now 4.7 million women cadres or officials in China, ten times the number before the communists came to power in 1949. But it also revealed there was now a smaller proportion of women in China's parliament, the National People's Congress. Despite efforts to increase female involvement, the Chinese political scene remains dominated by men except in areas which traditionally concern women. Only one of China's 17 vice-premiers is a woman. She is Chen Mubua, head of the government's birth control group, who is also involved in economic work.

NEW DELHI, March 8 (AP)— The head of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said today he intended to put the squeeze on surplus countries for a world buffer stock of grain. "There is no use having food stocks in surplus countries like the United States or Canada if they cannot reach places where they are needed," Mr. Edouard Saouma, the Finnish-born FAO director-general, told reporters after his arrival here. "We hope to squeeze developed countries a little more on the issue of food security," Mr. Saouma said. But without efficient transport facilities, a proposed world food security system would be difficult to devise, he added. Mr. Saouma, who arrived here for a meeting of Asian and Pacific agriculture ministers on regional food production, said the world buffer stocks would be used for areas hit by drought and other natural calamities. The two-day conference was scheduled to open Monday.

BANGKOK, March 8 (R)— The number of Kampucheans moving to the Thai border in search of food has risen dramatically in the past ten days, relief agency and diplomatic sources said yesterday. The sources said this year's rainy-season harvest was poor and rice supplies might already have run out in some areas of Kampuchea. According to diplomatic sources, the number of people assembled near the main cross-border food distribution centre at Noon Chan has trebled in two weeks to 60,000. The sources said that until the end of last week, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) gave rice supplies to between 13,000 and 14,000 people about three times a week. This week the figure exceeded 20,000. But another 40,000 Kampucheans were in the area awaiting food to take back to friends and relatives in their homeland. They are given daily subsistence rations. International agencies plan to ship about 200,000 tons of rice to Kampuchea this year to avert a repetition of last year's famine.

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| 4 Sodium | 20 Yellow gam | 44 Fragment | 60 Employ | 12 Put away | 28 Oklahoma | 34 Ruler | 42 Ruler | 49 Service | 53 Monsters |
| 5 chloride | 21 Blushing | 45 French | 61 — majesty | 13 For about | 29 Flexible | 35 Land's abbr. | 43 Across | 50 Compact | 54 Grunk |
| 6 Rher in | 22 Time | 46 Famous | 62 Far from | 14 Despot abbr. | 30 Catch | 36 Raise by | 44 Target | 51 Adjective | 55 ending |
| 7 England | 23 Branches | 47 Danger | 63 Enrich | 15 Theatrical | | | | | |
| 8 Sandpiper | 24 Showing | 48 Drawing | 64 Cleveland | 16 Highest | | | | | |
| 9 more good | 25 Winding | 49 Creating | 65 Verden | 17 point | | | | | |
| 10 sense | 26 Disorder | 50 Noblesman | 66 Hallowed | 18 Member of | | | | | |
| 11 Stupor | 27 Various | 51 Representa- | 67 Fragrance | 19 royal family | | | | | |
| 12 Prepared | 28 Leash | 52 | 68 Disables | 20 — cane | | | | | |

- CRYPTOGRAMS
1. JIPWPY SPNWPY GNSP GAEU ONKREWARE
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URYPE. —By Barbara J. Ragg
2. YOWWYN WOT BUYGONE TU YUTANE ININTWU
WRA BRYN GNITCE OW. —By Chuck Emory
3. OCHLLZ TUDTF TEXLFL TULBL OFSJJFFI
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TNITFGS. —By Joseph DeLigis
4. DEAT HISICE UT E AUNSO DOTSECO.
—By Roba Dew

Last Week's Cryptograms

1. Lady rabbit whose mind is mostly preoccupied with coliffures could be called a hair-brained hare.
2. Why do our perfect, big African violets always end up being the unlucky shrinking variety?
3. Frisky play, taken on green date, mixed theme.
4. Shoemaker made galoshes for large kind Flem.

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